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Law students file suit against University

Motion calls for \$16 million to be redistributed to NLC

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
NEWS EDITOR

Three National Law Center students filed a suit against the University Tuesday, charging that the administration broke its contract to fairly distribute tuition dollars between the law school and the general University fund.

The class-action suit filed with the District Superior Court, calls for a permanent court injunction against the University to include no more than 20 percent of the law students' tuition in the general University fund.

In addition, the suit would require the University to give about \$16 million back to the law school. That number is 20 percent of the law school's total tuition from the past three years and would compensate for the amount contributed to the general fund.

"It's not a step we took lightly," said Rebecca Lennon, who filed the suit along with Stephen Garvin and John Pare.

Garvin said the students "tried to keep it within the family, but GW hasn't responded reasonably."

The third-year law students, who call themselves the "NLC Defenders," said they had little choice but to file the suit.

NLC Dean Jack Freidental said while he has fought and will

continue to fight for a greater share of money from the University, filing a law suit was not the correct way to do so. He said the lawsuit inhibits the process by demanding more than \$15 million "right off the bat."

"Where are you going to get that much money?" Freidental asked, calling the students' demands "juvenile."

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg was out of town this week and unavailable for comment. However, the University issued a statement in response to the lawsuit.

"It is true that some tuition funds generated by some University programs are used for others," the statement said. "This practice is based on the firm belief that all schools within the University have a responsibility to each other."

The statement said the lawsuit will be perceived as "self-serving, ill-considered, mischievous, without merit and a disservice" to other law students.

Freidental said he feels the students who filed the suit are trying to build their own reputations while damaging the law school. He said he did not know how other law students would feel when they realize it would cost the University

a large amount of money in legal

expenses to fight the students' lawsuit.

But the NLC Defenders contend that they filed the suit not for personal reasons, but for the good of the law school. They added if they win the suit, they will not pocket any of the money for themselves.

The lawsuit is the most recent step of many taken by law students in the past year to retain a higher percentage of the law school tuition within the law center.

Last spring, about 350 law students held a rally outside of Rice Hall to protest funding. While Trachtenberg agreed to give the law center an additional \$100,000, law students said this is nowhere near the amount they deserve.

Garvin said the students appealed to the Board of Trustees, Freidental and Trachtenberg throughout the year. They also presented two petitions to the American Bar Association, both signed by more than 600 students, requesting that the ABA hold GW accountable to the organization's guidelines. The association suggests that universities retain a minimum of 80 percent of law students' tuition within those law schools.

The three law students sent a letter of demand to Trachtenberg and met with the president on

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The controversy over National Law Center funding began with a student protest last spring outside Rice Hall, where students blocked 1 Street, shouting demands for more of their tuition money to go directly to the school. This week, three students filed a lawsuit against the University to reclaim \$16 million distributed to the general fund during the past three years.

Firehouse still may close despite area opposition

BY JIM GERAGHTY
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Foggy Bottom residents argued against the closing of Engine Company 23 at a D.C. Council meeting Saturday, but the local firehouse may still be forced to shut its doors.

The firehouse, which is on GW's campus at 2119 G St. N.W., is now operating on a rotation schedule, closing twice a month. It has maintained this schedule since the District began cutting services to mend the ongoing financial crisis.

The prospects for the station looked a little brighter after residents of Adams Morgan, Foggy Bottom and Ward 5 came out in support of the station.

"There was a lot of voicing of

the public's opinion," Firefighter's Union representative Rick Moore said.

However, the firehouse is still a potential victim of the city's budget cuts. "The decision making process is not over yet ... It's still too early to tell. It's a political decision," Moore said.

The fate of the firehouse probably will be decided at the D.C. Council budget bill markup April 5. "The markup is where the Council takes the proposal and hacks it up. It may not be the final vote, but this is where they make their final recommendations."

Even if the firehouse is not closed, the rotational system may still weaken the District's fire protection. "The rotation system is sometimes referred to by firefighters

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Friends mourn loss of freshman drowned after diving from cliff

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

Scott Stone's friends said he "lived life at the drop of a hat."

Stone, a GW freshman, was known among friends on Thurston Hall's fourth floor for his spontaneity. Freshman Danny Marcus remembered the time Stone and another friend, while sitting by the "duck pond" on the Mall one evening, jumped into the water without warning.

Stone, 19, was at home in La Jolla, Calif., near San Diego, for spring break when he went with some friends to a nearby cliff called the Clam. While climbing back up the cliff after a dive into the sea, Stone slipped and fell on the rocks. Friends and bystanders were unable to rescue him from the high

waves.

Alice Rathbone, a spokeswoman for the San Diego Medical Examiner's Office, said divers found Stone's body at 10 a.m. Tuesday. She confirmed that he had drowned after the fall.

Friends described Stone as a dedicated student who worked hard for his grades. He was a student in the Elliott School of International Affairs with a focus on Middle East affairs. He had spent several summers in Israel, studied Hebrew and had planned to begin studying Arabic.

Stone also tutored learning disabled children at Scott Montgomery Elementary School in Southeast Washington.

"Scott wanted to make a difference in people's lives," said freshman Andy Norin, who tutored with

Stone at the school.

He was an avid sports fan who especially enjoyed basketball and football. "He was one of the only (San Diego) Charger fans here," said freshman Jon Finch, also from the San Diego area. He said he used to watch football games with Stone.

Stone also counted movies such as Pulp Fiction and Hoop Dreams, the music of Pearl Jam, Chinese food and spending time on the Mall among the things he loved, friends said.

Stone's death is the first in recent history to occur at the Clam, a popular spot for teenage daredevils, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune. Jumping from the Clam is forbidden by a city ordinance for safety reasons, but young

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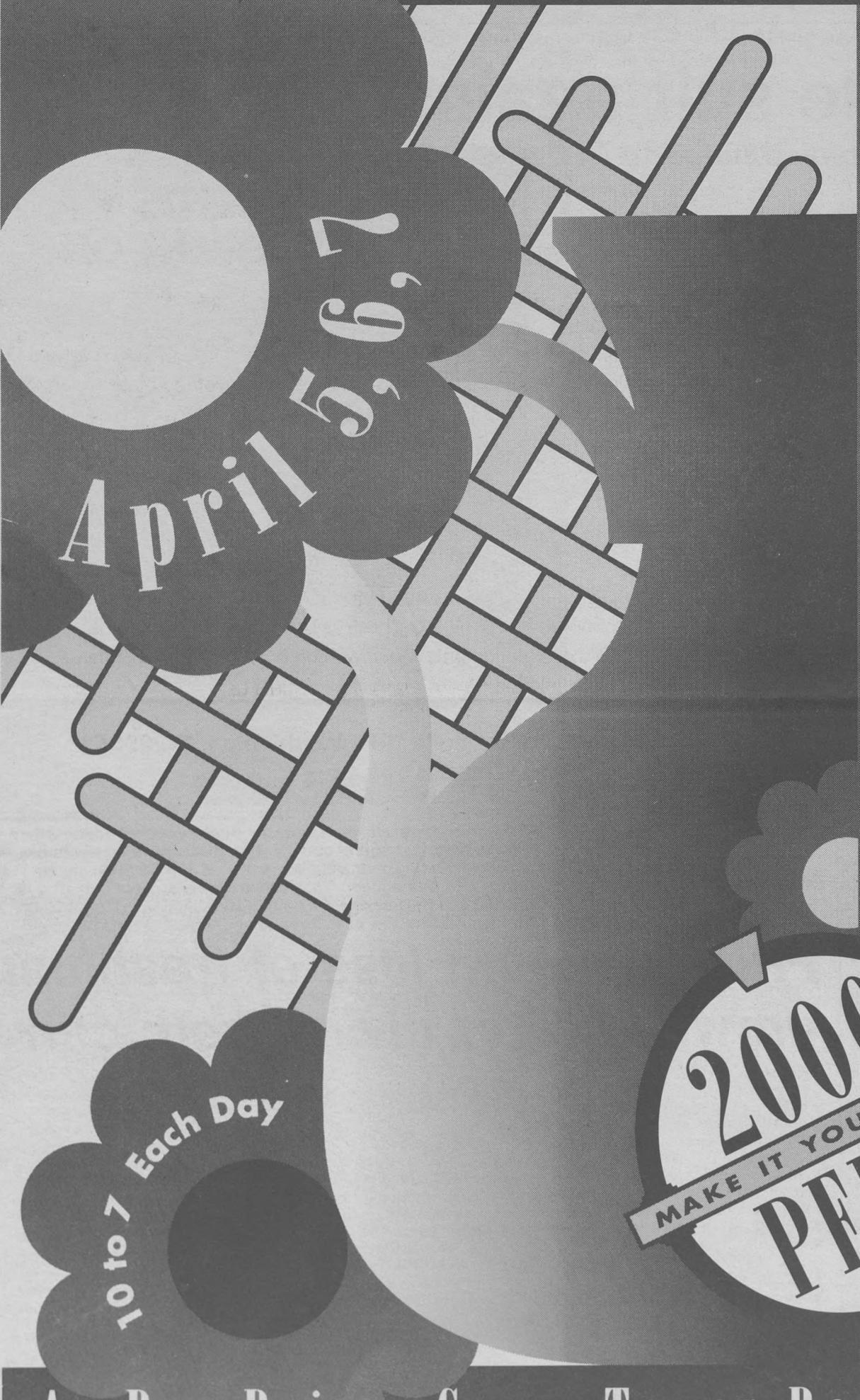
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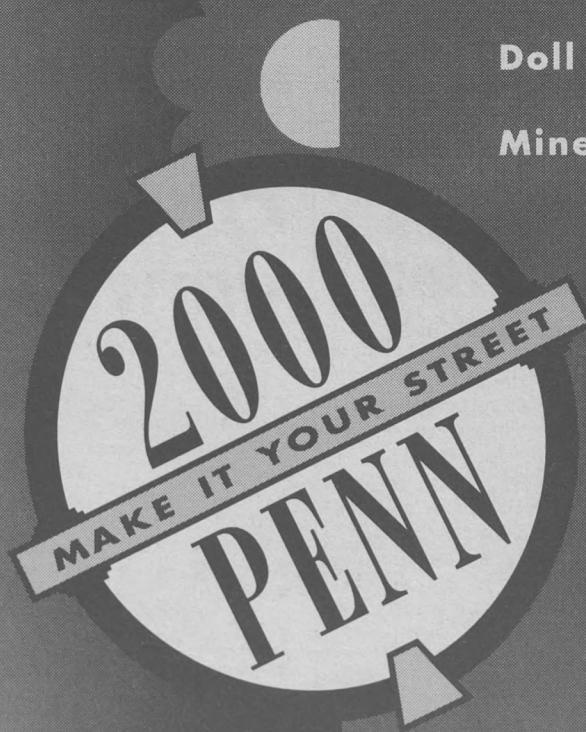
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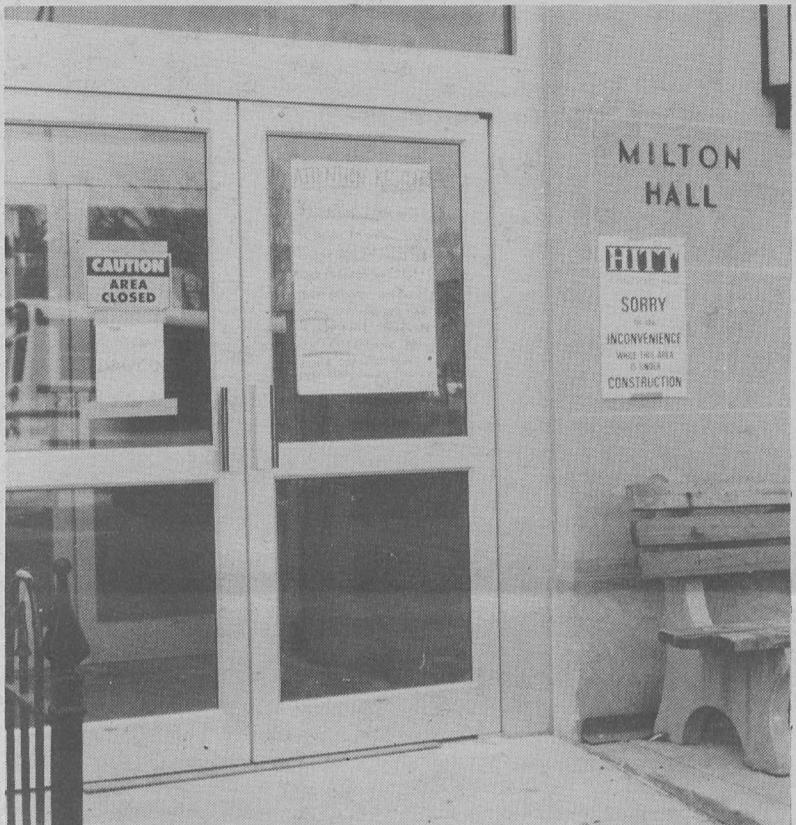
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Residents tolerate noise as Milton gets facelift

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
HATCHET REPORTER

Workers started the first of a number of ongoing renovations to Milton Hall over spring break, pleasing GW officials but irking some students who had to deal with early morning noise and other inconveniences.

The renovation of the lobby, which started last week, is part of the facelift that Milton Hall will receive before the name of the building is changed to Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis Hall, after the former first lady and GW alumna. The name change will be made official in a ceremony May 8, Milton Resident Director Jeri Lyn Konwerski said.



Milton Hall residents have been forced to deal with several inconveniences, while the University renovates the building's lobby, including closing of the front entrance.



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process has "definitely been successful." The lobby, she said, "should be beautiful and very much improved."

But resident Carolyn Ginexi, a senior, could find only one word to describe the process: "hell."

It wasn't just the lobby renovation that caused problems for Ginexi and other students who stayed in Milton Hall over spring break. Laborers also worked on the building's water pump and repaired the roof.

"It just seems that they had really bad timing," said Ginexi, who lives on the first floor of the residence hall. "The worst thing about it was the noise that would start at 6:45 every morning. And then when we would turn on our

Konwerski said workmen have been busy all week tearing down walls and installing new light fixtures, stairs and railings. She added that there will be added safety features and new seating areas.

"They're trying to utilize a lot of undeveloped space in the lobby," she said.

Roger Lyons, executive director of facilities management, said the process has been on schedule. Lyons said the main changes were the installation of two sets of new

doors, changes to the ceiling, painting and the "addition of some decorative embellishments ... consistent with how the lobby was already decorated."

Lyons has been working closely with senior campus architect

John Cox on the renovations. Cox said the crews have been working on an "accelerated schedule with no problems."

"The residents have been very helpful in dealing with the inconveniences," Cox said.

"It'll be done by this Friday, but

I think they'll be putting finishing touches on the lobby for a little while," she said.

But for some residents like Ginexi, it was hard to see the value among all the dust, noise and inconvenience.

"It seems just like whitewashing," Ginexi said. "I've had a hole in the ceiling in my shower since October, and I've called six or seven times to have it fixed, and they haven't done anything. It doesn't seem like they're fixing the true problems."

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Last straw

National Law Center students have finally come to the end of their rope. Three students filed a class-action suit to reverse an ill-advised and ongoing policy of the University – 40 percent of law students' tuition dollars go toward general University funding, much of which serves to benefit primarily undergraduate students.

Law students say they tried everything to receive equitable treatment from the administration but to no avail. Despite a recommendation from the American Bar Association that suggests that no more than 20 percent of a law school tuition should go to undergraduates, the administration refused to budge – offering the NLC token sum of \$100,000 to keep students quiet.

Despite efforts from both sides, the students and the administration have failed to come to a compromise. The students have a valid argument and have the right to be irate, but the lawsuit demands \$16 million to compensate for three years of misappropriated funds. That amount of money cannot be expected to be turned over in one lump sum. It would be better for both sides to agree on a more equitable way of redistributing law students' tuition dollars.

Perhaps a lawsuit of this magnitude is premature. It is difficult to imagine that all the avenues of communication have been exhausted between the students and the administration. This lawsuit will likely serve only to weaken the relationship between both sides and hamper further dialogue.

Play ball!

At least one good thing will come out next week's start of the regular baseball season – it will mark the beginning of the end of the eight-month baseball strike.

There are only two scenarios for the coming weeks: fans will stay home from the stadiums across the country, refusing to pay money to see middle-aged, overweight scabs muddle their way through nine innings of minor-league quality baseball. Or, less likely, spring fever will bring the fans out in droves, regardless of who suits up in the familiar uniforms of America's favorite teams.

Either way, one side in the dispute surely will collapse. If America embraces the replacement players and scab baseball is a hit, the real major leaguers will throw in their bargaining chips as they realize that without baseball they will be unable to pay their mortgages and feed their families. If replacement ball is a failure and fans turn their attention to other sports, the owners will be forced to acquiesce to the players' demands or watch the demise of major league baseball.

It's a shame it has come to this – millionaire players vs. billionaire owners, quibbling over details and tarnishing America's favorite pastime. But it's almost over, as the reality of this long strike sets in. Baseball is all about money in 1995, and both sides have lost too much already. The stakes are high, but the bluffs will be called next week. Sooner or later, the replacement players will leave the field and the real players will be back to play ball.

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Reflections from the mother country

St. Elmo's Fire is one tape in my American video library that has recently passed away. It simply doesn't play anymore. Every now and then I throw it into the video recorder (VCR in your language) and pray for the youthful face of Emilio Estevez begging for the affections of a pre-*Four Weddings and a Funeral* Andie MacDowell in the emergency room of a city hospital. But alas, all I am treated to is a screening of technicolored snow. It is that film, along with the slim possibility of bumping into a jogging president, that prompted me to jump a plane and head for the capital of your flag-flying, pizza-eating, Bill-bullying country. Touchdown came on a cold winter evening in January, and as I neared the bright lights of the big city, I felt Uncle Sam jump aboard Northwest flight 039 from London's Gatwick airport, firmly shake my hand and invite me ashore for as much Budweiser as I could drink. Frankly, it would have been rude not to accept at once.

Armed with Washington's reputation as the murder capital of the West, 14 days and nights and the title line from Sheryl Crow's summer hit, I took to the methodically numbered streets of Washington. Naturally the "sights" attracted me; however, I'm fascinated by all that makes America the country that it is. Not a day passed by without me religiously tuning in to "Ricki Lake" and her breed of quite unique guests. Morning simply wasn't complete without a glance at the fiery and often freaky topic on "Gordon Elliott." Not being an expert on American accents far and wide, I'm a little vague at pinpointing origin, however, each show is a sea of southern twangs and "y'all's." Each hour fascinates me. When you turn on and tune in, it is as if you are peeping into the lives of so many people content to wash, starch and iron their dirty laundry in front of a waiting nation.

It simply doesn't work in England. Dirty laundry is washed behind firmly closed doors. We do have shows with similar formats, but topics tend to range from the banal to the downright boring. "You and your mortgage" leaves an audience entering a vegetative state, whereas "My husband left me for another man" keeps audiences from Warwick, England, to Warwick, R.I., hypnotized. There is nothing like a televisual freak show to make you realize that life could be so much worse.

My main reason for crossing the golden pond was to find employment for the summer. England is

all very well, but there is little seasonal variation in the weather. In winter it is cold and it rains, and come the summer it continues to rain. Aside from the cold fronts and scattered showers, opportunities for a budding journalist are limited. The solution appeared simple. Arrive in Washington, dress in appropriately smart attire and polish my accent until it conjures up images of Julie Andrews skipping through the fields yodeling, "The hills are alive with the sound of music..."

Clasping my portfolio and firmly in touch with my ambition for the day – to find a summer internship – I set out for the National Press Building. Five "goodbyes," six "not today, thank you's" and an expletive later, it was back to the drawing board (or rather the telephone). By introducing myself and humbly begging for the chance to argue my case down Alexander Graham Bell's wonderful instrument, I, like Bill Clinton, began to believe in a place called Hope. With employment prospects on the horizon, it was time to start enjoying the city.

It must take a tremendous amount of willpower to actually attend classes at a university in Washington, D.C. The constant temptation of Congress in session, the perpetual possibility of bumping into a prominent politician would be excuse enough to free me from the grind of daily study. The ability to turn on CNN and watch a report live from the White House and know that with a pinch of motivation and a sprinkling of interest, you could be outside the home of president's looking in on the action as it happens is just about as exciting as you can get.

The immediacy of the capital city was brought home to me on an early morning jogging outing. I had taken to the hallowed pavements (sorry, sidewalks) in a somewhat embarrassing and ultimately futile attempt to bump into either Bill or Hillary Clinton. Actually I just wanted to sweat and breathe heavily in the company of those who steer the ship Americana. I had images of casually joining the Clinton entourage, gradually gaining ground on a flagging president, culminating in sharing a wheeze and a diet soda with the man whose voice sends my hormones sprinting. This picture is so much more satisfying than that of John Major clad in fuchsia Spandex, steamed up sports glasses, sweating over affairs of state as he runs unrecognized through the streets of Westminster.

My meeting with the Clinton

clan never actually came to pass, although I did indulge in a fair amount of loitering around the iron bars of his residence. Some may call this an obsession, however I prefer to think of it as a healthy and active interest in American politics and its navigators.

To return to my experience with political America, having run up and down the marble steps of the Lincoln Memorial, back along the reflecting pool, I was heading toward the Washington Monument. It appeared to be busier than on previous mornings, and many of those gathered at the foot of that mighty erection were carrying large boards boasting differing slogans. It wasn't until I was within reading distance that the penny finally dropped. I had run into an anti-abortion protest to mark the anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling. Having been thoroughly appalled upon reading about the violent behavior of the anti-abortion movement in the United States, I opted to keep my opposing opinions under my baseball cap. Approaching the noisy throng, I saw groups of men and women dressed in costumes resembling those worn by Holocaust victims. Children carried banners brandishing simplistic slogans that they had neither the maturity nor the experience to understand. The protest, called to alert a nation to "The Untold Holocaust," illustrated to me that there are some freedoms within British society that stand relatively non-threatened, and as a woman, I'm most grateful for that.

The parallels drawn to the Holocaust were tasteless in the extreme and insulting to those who survive with the memories of those days gone by. There is little doubt that abortion is a controversial and complex issue. That your country grants you the freedom to exercise all opinions is healthy. That there are people willing to take away the freedom of millions of American women to choose the path of their own lives is frightening and ultimately unconstitutional.

I know this sounds like a particularly inane observation to make about a place so full of history and happenings, but the city is so clean and white. Having visited an array of cities, spending a considerable amount of time working in London and Glasgow, the clean streets and impeccable Metro system stands testament to the standards that our cultures find

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by JAVIER VICIANO

JUST AS I WAS ENTERING,
THERE WERE TWO MICE...THIS
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OPINION

America is all it's cracked up to be

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acceptable. We put up with filthy highways and dirty byways, litter-filled streets and an underground train system decorated with the inner thoughts of youthful London, courtesy of a couple of cans of spray paint. You, however, provide smokeless air, litter-free Metro carriages and a cheery driver who substitutes as a sit-down comedian between stops. During one particular journey, a booming voice filled the carriage, sharing advice for the seated travelers. "A word to the wise people. Please buy your tickets for your return journey before leaving the station. Boy, those lines get long!"

If anyone tried to entertain commuters traveling from a hard day's work in London, I dread to think what fate the bowler hat and briefcase carrying masses would have for them. But I laughed at the Metro driver. Nobody else in the carriage did, but I couldn't stop myself from having a good, hard chuckle.

The snow that covered the city during my stay only added to its beauty. Along with my scenario concerning a meeting with the president, I had another image in my mind's eye — to play football, your football not soccer, in the shadow of the monuments. The snow was a bonus. And play ball we did, although the news and weather reports suggested bolting all doors and stocking up on groceries for the freeze, which lasted all of 12 hours. There was one problem with my picture postcard plans. I had absolutely no idea of how to play American football. I knew that it was like rugby in that

David Cleary

Remember ANC: students are people, too

As students, we are slovenly, lazy, ill-mannered, alcoholic, despicable, sub-human life forms. As students, we have no legal rights under Constitution of the United States, and we should be caged like the animals that we are.

If, like me, you don't believe this characterization you may want to say something to the Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

As relatively mature adults capable of making choices that we and we alone must live with, we made the choice to attend GW. Here, we are treated like adults by the University. We are regularly given responsibilities by our employers and professors. We are granted freedom and flexibility to live our lives as free people in America. Yet, should we have the audacity to step outside of the GW campus, the ANC wants to treat us like an inferior and animalistic species.

I'll admit that I am biased and that I think as many students as possible should live on campus. I love the residence hall system and I have gained a lot by living on campus. But even I can admit that on-campus living is not for everyone. Some students want more flexibility than the University can provide in housing. Some students want to live in a house. Some want fireplaces, others want small yards and some even want pets. So, being the rather smart students that GW attracts, we look around, see available housing close to campus and move into the neighborhood.

Suddenly, there is a problem. It seems, according to the ANC, that students shouldn't have the right to purchase or rent in the Foggy Bottom area. We shouldn't have the right to have parties, let friends visit, stay up late or even, God forbid, drink alcohol. Within the Foggy Bottom area of the District, the

it is played by men with odd shaped balls (and that's their business) and that you have to touch the said ball down after some line or other to score, but I'm afraid my mind just couldn't negotiate the tackling rules. Rugby is a game of large, hairy, beer-drinking animals wrestling each other to the ground for possession of the ball. Once with the said ball, the unprotected player attempts to maneuver it from one end to the other for a try. Football is about being strategic, smart and protected. When I wanted to tackle my opponents to the floor, the ball was nowhere to be seen. As a result I was penalized, and nobody wanted me on their team. It was like being the fat girl at primary school when the really thin people were picking teams for class netball tournaments. Still I came, I played, I retired from the sport, all within the space of an afternoon.

Possibly the most memorable evening of my visit to the capital of the land of the free came only hours before my flight back to England raced off the runway. Although a few thousand miles of ocean and a few thousand years of history divide our countries and our cultures, I am well aware that the glittering screens of Hollywood and the human guinea pigs on your morning talk shows do not represent the real America. However, ever since sobbing into a box of ready-salted popcorn in a dingy Glasgow cinema, while watching *A Few Good Men* I have wanted to experience moonlit Washington for myself. Just as the compact and perfectly formed body of Tom Cruise demanded the truth from

Jack Nicholson, I demanded to see the beauty of one of the most aesthetically pleasing cities I have ever visited illuminated by God's very own pocket torch. As Monday night became Tuesday morning, we sat at the marble feet of the late, great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln looking toward a towering monument, decorated by a circle of star spangled banners waving at me from afar. Apart from the tunes from the kiosks of the Vietnam veterans, Washington was silent. There were no gun touting muggers or knife wielding rapists in the immediate vicinity as my mother had anticipated. There were no drug-injecting youths or handbag snatching children roaming the streets in the midnight hour. There was just me, my American chum and a constellation of opportunities.

With bags packed to capacity it was time to be, in the words of that pigtailed wonder, Willie Nelson, "on the road again." As the wheels of the Northwest flight 049 tucked into their neat little compartments and the smiling air hostesses made us all aware of alternative escape routes, I simply cast a tear-filled eye over a city whose coffee table I am anxious to place my feet well and truly under. At least when the curtains came down on this trip I knew there would be no question of an encore.

Sarah Brindle, a student at Stirling University in Scotland, visited Washington for two weeks in January and is still searching for a summer internship in the District.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March madness

It is that time of year when the predominant topic of conversation is college basketball. Commonly referred to as "March Madness," college basketball is all over the airwaves and on your television. Allow me to take this opportunity to discuss another form of madness in similar terms. A recent article in The Hatchet mentioned that top GW employees had experienced a decrease in salary "by at least \$20,000" ("Top GW employees take a salary cut," March 16, front page). Are we supposed to feel sympathy? Technical foul.

The article goes on to mention five GW employees who received pay raises, including a \$28,737.24 raise for President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, a \$19,000 raise for Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak, among others.

How often do we hear that tuition and fees have to increase because operating expenses are rising? How often are departments told that some expenditure that they feel is necessary just isn't in the budget? Every year (or year and a half, depending on when the administration feels like it) when it comes time for the salary increase for most employees, we hear that faculty are entitled to 4 percent and staff routinely get 3 percent raises. Double dribble.

To make it even worse, the \$28,000 raise for Trachtenberg was termed "moderate." If a \$28,000 raise is "moderate," then how about sending a little "moderation" my way?

Annually raising tuition and fees, cutting departmental budgets and giving meager salary

increases for most employees, while increasing the salaries of top-level employees is a hypocrisy that amounts to a flagrant foul. Unfortunately, I don't think that we'll get two shots and the ball. As Dick Vitale would say "call a TO, baby!!"

-Ella Perry

Get it right

While reading Justin Bergman's review of the Tracy Chapman concert in the March 13 Hatchet ("Chapman comes out of shell at Bayou show," p. 12), I noticed an error that can only be described as bone-headed. The song "Not Fade Away" was NOT written by the Grateful Dead, even if it does have the same Bo Diddley beat as "Iko Iko."

There is a famous version of "Not Fade Away" recorded by the Rolling Stones in the early 1960s. The songwriting credit is N. Petty and C. Hardin.

-John Mueller

Not right, either

"Not Fade Away" was originally written and performed by Buddy Holly, not the Grateful Dead, as was reported in the Tracy Chapman concert review in March 13's issue.

-Michael N. Levy

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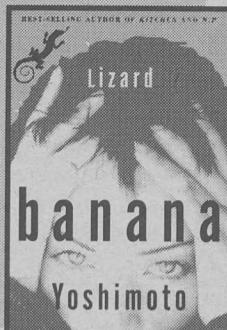
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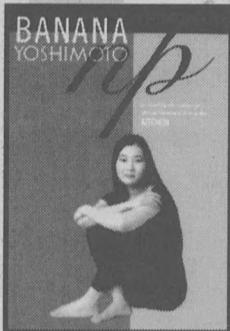
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SA passes bills to streamline Homecoming, other functions

BY SHANNON JOYCE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Student Association Senate passed a variety of bills to consolidate Homecoming and other functions at its meeting Tuesday night.

SA President Al Park said the bills represent a year's worth of effort by senators to improve the group.

The Senate decided to pass the bills before SA President-elect Mark Reynolds selects his cabinet later this semester because the bills affects the structure of the cabinet, undergraduate Sen. Scott Mory (CCGSAS) said.

"It's not fair to put them out after the cabinet has been selected," Mory said.

One bill gave specifics on the restructuring of Homecoming. It puts the Homecoming committee under the direction of Program Board. The SA president also will appoint a director of Homecoming.

Several senators objected to the funding section of the bill. Undergraduate Sen. Graham Klemm (SBPM) wanted to know why the Homecoming committee should be given a set percentage of the SA budget when no other part of the budget is given a set percentage. PB Chair Amanda Fugazy reminded Klemm that if the committee submits a budget the SA does not approve of, the SA has the power to deny funding.

Park said the director would have the same authority as any committee member, stressing that PB com-

mittees work toward a consensus, rather than in a hierarchy. He added that the bill turns over Homecoming to people who can manage it the best.

"This will increase the volunteer base and bring the SA full circle with PB," he said.

The Senate also passed a bill dissolving the Joint Dining Services Board and replacing it with the Dining Service Commission. The bill called for the chair of the Senate's Student Life Committee, two representatives from the Residence Hall Association, a representative of the Marvin Center Governing Board and three undergraduate and two graduate students to serve on the commission. The SA president will appoint a director.

Mory, currently a member of the Joint Dining Services Board, said the new committee will "shift focus from money to programs."

"It is important to divorce the funding from policy," Mory said.

"It's about time the SA takes responsibility for what students eat," freshman Sen. Jonathan Pompan said. Pompan has sponsored other Senate legislation about food service.

Mory also sponsored legislation that defines the functions of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee.

Following the suggestion of Student Court Chief Justice Jon Tarnow, the Senate also passed a bill requiring that the SA president, executive vice president, senators and Student Court justices take oaths of office.

Student was known for caring, spontaneity

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people have ignored that law for years.

"I've done it a million times," Finch said of jumping from the 30-foot cliff. "Everyone does it."

Finch admitted that the sharp rocks at the foot of the cliff and powerful tides are dangerous for

divers but added that most waited for the tides to be low and the water to be calm before jumping.

"It's so ironic, because that is one of the most beautiful areas in all of California," he said.

The Dean of Students' Office held a meeting in Thurston Hall Monday night to discuss students' feelings after the loss of their friend

and neighbor. A memorial service at GW has not yet been planned.

"Scott had a genuine sincerity about life," friends Norin, Marcus and Ivan Urlaub wrote. "When he argued, he argued with passion."

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Clinton vows to veto aid cuts

President says use of direct loan program will save money

BY JARED SHER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

President Clinton reaffirmed his commitment to education in a press conference for college newspaper editors March 23, vowing to veto any legislation that would scale back federal student aid programs.

"We do not have to cut education to reduce the deficit," Clinton said. He said the direct loan program can achieve savings while still helping students, calling it "a win-win deal."

Legislators are considering legislation that would cut the federal subsidy on Stafford loans, cut Pell grants and cap the direct loan program, as part of their deficit-cutting agenda.

Clinton said this direct loan program can save \$12 billion over six years, the same amount Republican members of Congress say they can save by cutting the government subsidy on Stafford Loans.

"This program is working," he said. "It saves money for everybody, and we shouldn't limit its reach. I think it is a real error."

Under the program, students are able to apply for education loans directly from the federal government instead of going to a bank. The program is designed to save money and time by cutting back the paperwork associated with the current system.

By eliminating the banks, or "middle men," and making the direct loan program more accessible, the government can keep the interest subsidy and help more students afford to go to school, Clinton said.

"I don't believe we need to trade in our future for what is a piddling amount on the deficit but will have a enormous negative symbolic and substantive impact on what we're trying to do in this country," Clinton said.

He also said the flexible repayment schedules available with the direct loans are helping the government save money by reducing the number of defaulted loans. The program allows students to repay their loans as a percentage of their income.

Defaults had been costing the

government \$2.8 billion a year, but that has been cut to \$1 billion, Clinton said.

He said he hopes the current national debate over education spending will convince Congress not to pass legislation that would limit college loans. However, if a bill passes that limits student aid, he said he is prepared to fight it.

"I hope we can prevail in the Congress, but the veto pen is always there," the president said.

He said the opportunities he had through education enabled him to become president.

GW financial aid office prepares for cutbacks

BY JARED SHER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW is preparing for Congress' potential financial aid cutbacks, but administrators remain hopeful that voters can convince legislators not to pass new laws that restrict student loans.

The proposed cuts would have a "drastic effect" on GW's ability to meet students' financial needs, said Ruthe Kaplan, assistant director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Congress has proposed to save billions of dollars by eliminating federal Pell grants, cutting the government's interest subsidy on Stafford loans and capping the National Direct Loan program.

"The whole issue of students' cuts is real and we need to have an effective lobbying force," said Ron Willis, GW's assistant to the president for Congress and federal relations. "It needs to be ongoing."

Willis has led the University's efforts to help students apply pressure to their members of Congress. He said 70 to 80 students are already involved in a writing campaign designed to convince Congress that cutbacks would be detrimental.

"We need to have an active campaign now," Willis said. "We need a writing campaign during the congressional break so members really hear from students (when they get back). This has a tremendous impact."

If the legislation is approved,

"My whole generation owes everything we have to the educational opportunities our country gave to us," he said. "I cannot sit by and watch it go backward. We need to bear down and do more, not ease up and go back."

Clinton said he used a \$500 per year scholarship and a job to pay for his undergraduate studies at Georgetown University. He said by the time he went to Yale Law School, he had a grant, a loan and a tuition postponement. He also joked that he had six jobs but never more than three at once.

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GW would be unable to give out at least a percentage of the current Pell grant money the government provides for needy students. The federal government gave GW \$1,322,615 in 1993-94 for students with the most financial need, according to data released by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The proposal to eliminate the subsidy on the Stafford loan would also cost GW students money. Students with subsidized loans do not have to pay interest on the loans while they are in school. This saved GW students \$2,964,550 last year.

Daniel Small, GW's director of enrollment management, said any legislation would probably not affect the University in the upcoming academic year. In the meantime, GW will continue to prepare for the proposed cutbacks, he said.

"We will do everything we can and see how we can make up this money for the students," Small said.

In addition, the University was approved to participate in the direct lending program this year, but asked for a deferment to prepare for the changes. While the request was granted, Small said officials are not clear whether the proposed cap would include schools which are approved, but have not yet begun to implement the program.

"We're still going forward," Small said. "We think we're going to be part of it."

GW Club chef wins bronze in competition

Stephen Sordo, executive chef at the GW Dining Club, captured a bronze medal in a recent chef's competition sponsored by the Delmarva Chef's Association.

The competition is hosted annually at Lankford-Sysco's food, supply and equipment show in Salisbury, Md.

Sordo's winning menu included bouillabaisse soup, Oriental jasper duck breast and broiled rockfish with a fresh salsa cruda served on a bed of saffron and red pepper pastas.

-Jim Geraghty

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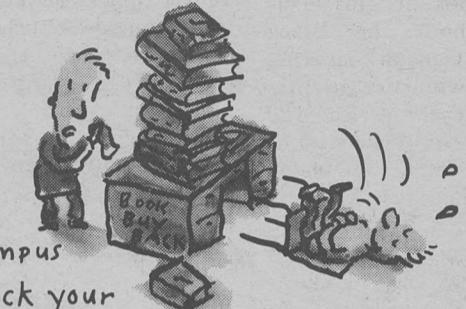
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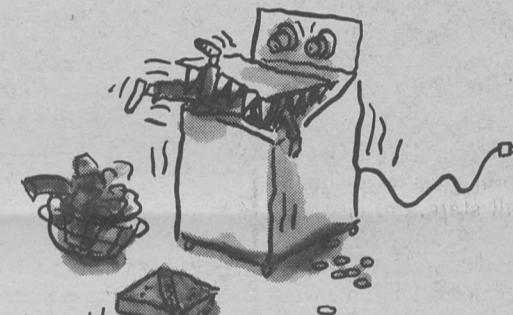
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JAM session addresses race

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Anti-Defamation League Director of Higher Education Jeff Ross spoke at Hillel Tuesday night to prove that "despite well-publicized sap ... (there is a) mature relationship between blacks and Jews." Ross' speech was of part the Jewish Awareness Month activities sponsored by Hillel.

Ross opened by reading two recent newspaper articles. One article was about the Black Congressional Caucus meeting with Jewish lawmakers to preserve foreign aid for Africa. The second article concerned D.C. Mayor Marion Barry's tour of the United States Holocaust Museum after an invitation by the Anti-Defamation League.

"(The) damage done to black-Jewish relations is because of the Nation of Islam," said Ross.

"Entrepreneurs of hate are not just limited to the Nation of Islam," he went on. Speakers such as Louis Farrakhan, Kalid Muhammad, Kwame Ture (formerly Stokely Carmichael) and Leonard Jeffries appearing on college and university campuses are "notorious anti-Semites," he said.

Ross also said black and Jewish college students in New York are joining forces to "fight for a common cause." They are now both protesting New York Gov. George Pataki's (R) proposals to cut financial aid for all state and city universities.

Ross gave examples of people who became "known for controversy" because of their speeches on anti-Semitism.

In Chicago, Steve Cokely

became known for controversy after claiming AIDS was spread in the black community because Jewish doctors were injecting black babies with the virus.

Tony Martin, a professor of African-American Studies, also was associated with controversy after citing a book that claimed Jews played a unique and singular role in the slave trade.

"Tony Martin went from class(room) to Boston newspapers. To the black community, (he is) now a famous lecturer," Ross said.

"(These people) are severely disrupting relationships between the black and Jewish community," Ross said. "By coming on campus (they) get a free hall, paid to do it, travel expenses are paid, it guarantees media attention and it

allows them to propagate ideas. Notoriety and future appointments is the business of entrepreneurs of hatred."

Other issues discussed Spelman College President Jonetta Cole's cancellation of Nation of Islam leader Silas Muhammad's appearance because of a flyer circulated in the community which read, "The heat of a German oven is nothing compared to the fire that Allah is preparing for Jews."

Two of the scheduled speakers were unable to attend. Wade Henderson, director of the NAACP Washington bureau, was unable to attend because of a family emergency and Russell Adams, chair of African-American studies at Howard University, was also a no-show.

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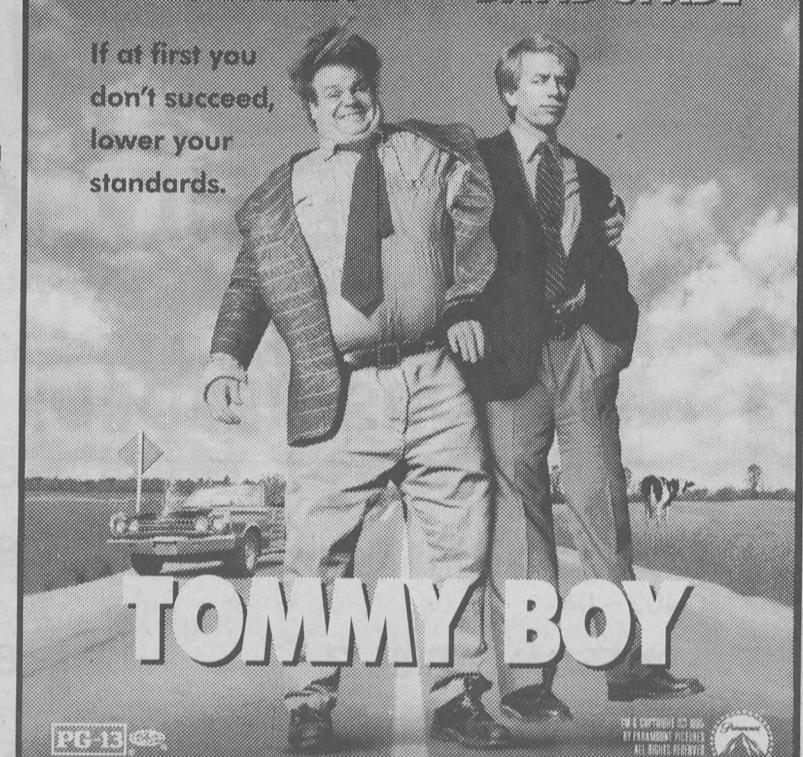
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Aid office makes application easy

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Office of Student Financial Assistance now has personalized continuing student financial aid application packets available, according to a release from Director of Student Financial Assistance Vicki Baker.

This new process is the result of an examination of the previous years' methods and represents an effort to simplify the financial aid experience as much as possible. The office used financial assistance counseling team members, who are student volunteers, to assist in this change.

Each packet has name and address labels. They include a renewal-free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) and the GW institutional application, which was condensed from eight pages to four.

Although the changes were initially publicized by word of mouth, application pickup dates and application deadlines have been published in the Colonial Connection newsletter which is sent to students' parents. Posters were also put up on campus.

The new package program was initiated because it would be easier for both the office and the students, Baker said.

So far, about 1,750 students, about 75 percent of the target pool, have picked up their packets. The office estimates about 550 students will still need to pick up their packets.

Most packets contain the Renewal FAFSA that contains personal information, and the office requires that each student personally pick up their packet. Picture identification is required before the office releases the packet.

Students are giving positive feedback to the efficiency of receiving their packets. The only reported complaint was due to several printer's delays which pushed back the release of application material for three days.

Previously, packets were generic and the office was unable to determine who received a packet and who had not. Now, the office will know who did not pick up their packets with the labels and those who did not pick up their packets will be notified.

The deadline to submit application materials to the Office of Student Financial Assistance, located on the third floor of Rice Hall, is April 30. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day as well as from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 29.

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UPD escort service gets a new number

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

Students who spend a lot of late nights at the library should memorize this telephone number: 994-RIDE.

That's the new extension University Police has assigned to its escort van service. UPD Director Dolores Stafford said the department put in the new line to maximize "operational efficiency," making sure that students get escorts as quickly as possible and that UPD's main line is not overloaded with calls.

"Not only escort calls are coming in," Stafford said. "There are calls for fire alarms, thefts and all kinds of incidents." She said dispatchers "are dealing with a significant number of things" each day. Stafford said the separate line for the escort service would free up dispatchers to concentrate only on calls for non-escort services.

She said she recently began keeping monthly statistics on the number of calls UPD receives. The department receives an average of 15,200 calls per month, an average of 500 calls per day, Stafford said. She said in addition to dealing

with calls, UPD dispatchers must watch the numerous video monitors in the dispatch area. The department monitors cameras in the Thurston Hall lobby, the University Parking Garage, the Virginia Campus in Arlington and numerous other locations, Stafford said.

Stafford said the extension (994-7433) was already assigned to a "back room" in the Marvin Center. However, UPD worked with the Marvin Center administration to arrange for the number to be reassigned to UPD.

"They were very helpful," Stafford said.

Stafford said UPD plans to advertise the new escort service number with refrigerator magnets and brochures. The brochures are produced in conjunction with the Student Association.

Stafford said that old brochures displaying the 994-6110 escort service number will have to be used up before new ones can be printed. However, she said those new brochures will be available next semester and that the new number will also be advertised in publications such as the annual student planner.

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G Street firehouse may fall victim to cuts

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ers as 'Russian roulette,' " Moore said.

Moore said a group of District residents were saved from a burning building by the Secret Service because a firehouse across the street from the fire had been closed as part of the rotational system. Although the Secret Service averted a potential disaster, the fire could have been extinguished more quickly had the firehouse been open, Moore said.

Several firefighters at the G Street station were

strongly opposed to the cuts.

"(Closing the station) is going to put a hurt on everybody else," said one firefighter, who asked that his name not be used. "That would put 300 to 400 runs on everybody else. Quality of care will go down, and response time will go up."

"It'll take somebody getting hurt before they open their eyes," he added.

Moore agreed. "The department says it saves \$850,000 for each closed company. But is that worth a lost life?"

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impressions

Losing Isaiah's Lange, Berry sure to gain praise

BY LAURA RODRIGUEZ

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A middle-class American family adopts a child only to be in court three years later in an impassioned custody battle with the child's birth mother. Sounds like it's taken from today's headline news? What if the adoptive parents happen to be white and the child is a black baby that was abandoned in the dumpsters of Chicago's streets by his drug-addicted mother?

Losing Isaiah centers on the lives of social worker Margaret Lewin (Jessica Lange) and Khaila Richards (Halle Berry) as the two mothers fight for custody of 3-year-old Isaiah (Marc John Jeffries). Race, drugs and dysfunctional families are the underlying factors of the story, and director Stephen Gyllenhaal analyzes what role race plays in adoption and the permeating factor of discrimination in America.

Khaila is a crack addict whose need for a quick hit is interrupted by the incessant wailing of her



Khaila Richards (Halle Berry) kicks her drug habit and is ready to reclaim her son (Marc John Jeffries) in *Losing Isaiah*.

newborn baby boy. In order to silence the little child she places him in the dumpsters of Chicago's most dangerous alleys. Rescued and taken to the hospital, the crack baby fights for his life. His tenacity to live attracts the attention of Margaret, who nurses baby Isaiah to health and eventually feels compelled to adopt him.

Three years later, the clean and sober Khaila wages her battle with the help of lawyer Kadar Lewis (Samuel Jackson), who adamantly believes that "black babies belong with black mothers." Lewis presents a strong racial case to the judge. The Lewin home does not have a black doll for Isaiah to play with so he doesn't have a sense of

identity. Because his adoptive parents do not read books by black authors to him he will never learn about his heritage. Because the Lewin's do not have African-American friends over for dinner, the 3 year old will be robbed of his rich culture and his "blackness."

The ending opens dialogue as people will have decisively different views about who is the appropriate mother. Also, it will allow the delicate subject of race to be argued. Can a black baby be raised in a white household while maintaining a sense of identity? Will it lose its "blackness" as Kadar asks. What exactly is "blackness"? Does a "whiteness" exist? Would there have been a story if the roles were reverse with a black family adopting a white child? There are a number of subjects that will be open to debate.

Moreover, *Losing Isaiah*, is a powerful film with an outstanding cast. On Monday Jessica Lange received her second Academy Award for best actress in her role in *Blue Sky*. The award-winning

actress continues to give outstanding performances and showcases her talent as the overworked social worker whose love for her child is tested. Lange is no stranger to the Oscars, having been first awarded best actress for her role in *Tootsie*, she has since been nominated six times for the best actress category. Lange is a strong-talented actress whose long, successful history in the cinema has landed her great praise.

Accompanying Lange is rising star Halle Berry, whose poignant performance of the crack addict proves she is truly a versatile and talented actress. The audience sympathizes with the young woman who fights poverty and illiteracy and does an unbelievable job bringing to life a young, lost woman who proves to the court she is a capable provider.

If you enjoy movies to escape reality then *Losing Isaiah* is not for you. However, the movie opens audience's eyes to the harsh reality of race, drugs, poverty and the state of our inner city youth.

Showcase D.C. ARTS GUIDE

Amelia Earhart remembered

March 30 in the Langley Theater of the National Air & Space Museum, 6th St. & Independence Ave. S.W., 8 p.m. Know anything about Amelia Earhart other than her famous attempt to fly around the world in 1937?

A panel of experts will look back on what the groundbreaking pilot did achieve in her career as well as her lasting legacy in a discussion titled "Amelia Earhart: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Free and open to the public.

Dionne Farris

March 31 at the 9:30 Club, 930 F St. N.W. That haunting voice that powered Arrested Development's hit "Tennessee" is now belting out some pretty memorable tunes of her own, including the can't-get-it-out-of-your-head hit "I Know." On her debut album, *Wild Seed-Wild Flower* (Columbia), Farris runs the gamut from infectious pop to R&B to hip-hop.

She even covers the Beatles. With a voice like Farris' the show is bound to be good. Plus, bring a canned food donation to the show and you'll get free goodies from Sony Music! And not only that, it's \$5! What the hell are you waiting for?

-David Larimer

Tupac Shakur takes on the world – and loses

BY DAVID LARIMER
ARTS EDITOR

Since his musical debut with Digital Underground in 1991 and continuing with his solo and acting careers, as well as his occasional forays into the wrong side of the law, Tupac Shakur has become one of the entertainment industry's great enigmas.

The son of a former Black Panther, he has dropped social and political commentaries with the Underground and on his solo efforts, *2Pacalypse Now* and *Strictly 4 My N.I.G.G.A.Z.* He has garnered critical acclaim for his acting performances in *Juice*, *Poetic Justice* and *Above the Rim*. In interviews, he is insightful, eloquent and engaging.

Meanwhile, it's been nearly impossible to reconcile all of the positives with his mounting negatives. For every seemingly heartfelt ode to women and their trials that he has penned ("Brenda's Got a Baby," "Keep Ya Head Up" and the current single "Dear Mama"), there have been numerous references to groupies, bitches and hoes, or worse, his current prison stretch for sexual abuse.

Thus, each Shakur project has become a fascinating study in schizophrenia, a struggle to determine whether Tupac, the intelligent, provocative black man, or 2Pac, the hypocritical, so-called gangsta rapper, will appear.

On Shakur's third album, *Me Against the World*, it is 2Pac who shows up, a manic depressive, hypocritical mess whose so-called introspection too often falls into paranoid victimization. The deepest response 2Pac inspires concern for his sanity. It is difficult to believe a word he says, what with the blatant inconsistencies in his work.

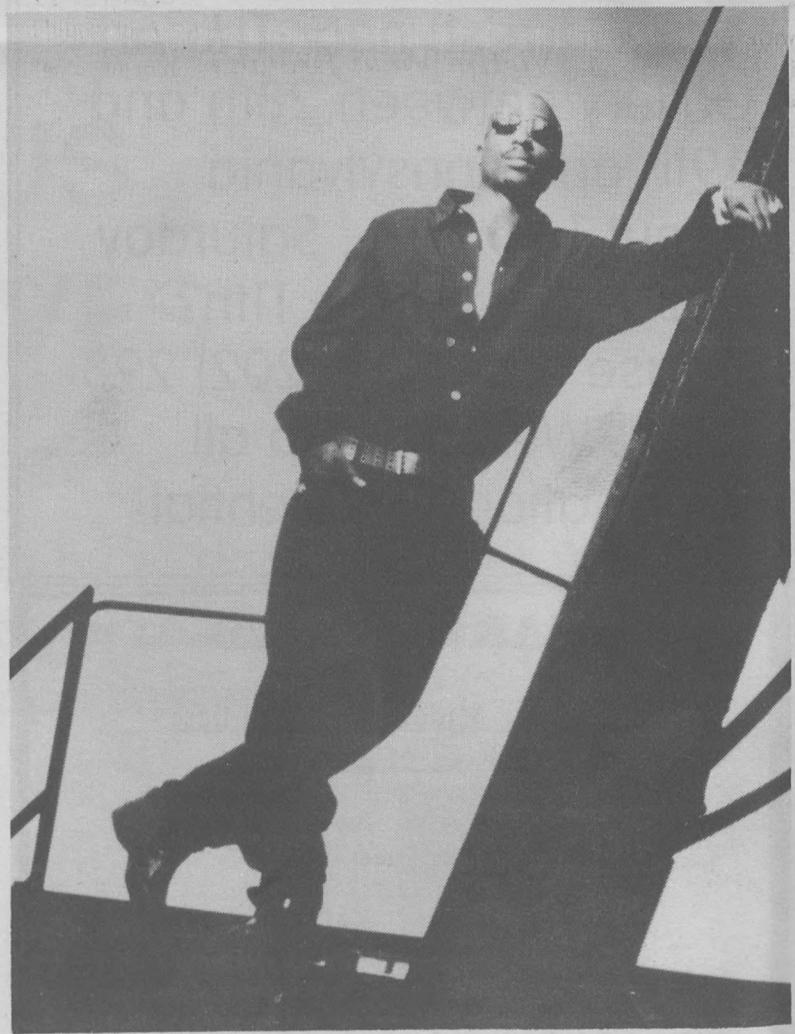
At most points, *Me Against the World* is shockingly immature, as

2Pac looks in vain for simple solutions for his depression. When he raps, "I've been really wantin' babies/So I can see a part of me that wasn't always shady," he sounds like an underloved teenager who thinks a kid might give him direction. Then, in the next line, he says, "Don't trust my lady." Good luck with those babies.

2Pac sounds sincere on "Dear Mama," a deeply personal song in which he addresses his mother with equal parts awe, sympathy and shame – as if he really is writing a letter from prison, on the verge of an epiphany. But "Dear Mama" is just a mirage, as is proven by "Temptations," in which he shrugs, "Got a woman that'll please me in every town/I don't wanna but I gotta do it."

He hints at activism, then, on the sorry "So Many Tears," says something like "I'm suicidal so don't stand near me/My every move is a calculated step/To bring me closer to embrace an early death." Such lyrics are so shallow, so obviously careless that they seem intentional. We know, even 2Pac knows, that he's no activist. But he succumbs to the age-old hip-hop cliché that states rappers must talk about "positivity" at least once on every album, regardless of whether it fits within the album's context.

The clichés don't stop with the lyrics. The music is overwhelmingly generic, at its worst sounding like a Casio synthesizer set to "rap." Its best is no better than relying on artists that have been looped many times before: Zapp, Cameo, Isaac Hayes and Stevie Wonder. Even "Dear Mama" relies on Sample's oft-mined "In My Wildest Dreams." In between are the far-too-familiar oversinging R&B singers in the background, those damn sonic whistles used by almost every single West Coast rap act and, on "Young Niggaz," a hor-



Tupac Shakur in better days.

rendous dancehall vocal.

At least *Me Against the World* comes free of posturing or posing. 2Pac isn't trying to sound hard. But that just makes it all the more disconcerting; he does not seem to realize his own incoherence. This isn't honesty; it's self pity.

In an interview from Rikers Island in the latest issue of *Vibe*

magazine, Shakur again sounds like Tupac, promising to quit blaming others for his problems, proclaiming that his "Thug Life" persona is dead. He once again sounds ready to live, to fully accept some responsibility and to walk the walk of being a leader. Let's hope that he means it this time, because he sure doesn't on *Me Against the World*.

SPOTLIGHT

Student loses car and nearly her mind in blunder

She returned from spring break to an empty parking space

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI

FEATURES EDITOR

GW senior Vicki Brown learned a memorable lesson about the workings of District government bureaucracy last week.

Back in February, Brown accumulated three \$25 tickets over the course of three days for parking her car "three inches over the line" in a parking spot. She paid the tickets to the D.C. department of treasury without contesting the violation and did not give the incident a second thought.

That is until the morning of March 17, when she walked out of her building to her 1988 black Ford Escort and noticed a "boot" placed on one of the tires. She couldn't

a specific person to speak with.

"But he said he was in charge of scheduling," Brown puzzles. Finally her frustration led the group to pile into the packed rental van, which someone else had to pick up while Brown was on the phone, and drive to the office to straighten out the matter in person.

What payment?

The department of adjudication claimed it had no record of the parking tickets being paid. Brown paid them again, after insuring that she could be reimbursed if she produced the canceled check for the original payment.

"I was afraid that my car was going to be towed while I was away," Brown explains.

The employee she dealt with at the department said the boot would be removed, and Brown and her six friends jubilantly left for North and South Carolina.

Brown's homecoming last Saturday was not a happy one, however. She disembarked from the rental van, relaxed and suntanned, at the corner of 24th and G streets N.W., to find her Escort missing. Brown assumed the car had been towed, but all govern-

"You're crazy! I was out of town,"

-Victim Vicki Brown



photos by Claire Duggan

Vicki Brown may find empty parking spaces funny now, but her missing car wasn't such a source of amusement last week.

ment offices were closed for the weekend so she could not confirm her suspicions.

Towing: what could be worse?

Two long days later, she made a prompt phone call at 8 a.m. to the main number for the adjudication department and pressed the number for towed car information. When no one answered the call, she hung up and directly called the same supervisor she spoke with the previous Friday. The supervisor revealed the fact that not only had the car been towed on March 17, the day Brown paid again for the parking tickets, but also that it had been released to someone six days later.

"You're crazy! I was out of town," Brown says she exclaimed.

"Did you give your receipt to someone else?" the clerk asked helpfully. Brown insisted she had the receipt with her in the Carolinas. A series of fun phone transfers brought Brown in touch with the Vincent Dorsey, the supervisor of the Brentwood Impoundment Lot, where towed cars rest until their owners come to claim them. He calmly informed her that the Escort was not there but said he would check "a few other places" and call back.

The search turned up no 1988 black Ford Escorts, Dorsey reported back shortly. The accompanying explanation he gave Brown was even more disturbing: The car was towed on March 17. Four days later, he received paperwork to

move hers and two other cars to the Blue Plains Lot. But he could not find Brown's car to move it.

"Oh my God, how incompetent can you get?" Brown says.

Dorsey replied that it may have been transferred to the second lot without his knowledge, in an attempt to reassure her that not all hope was lost. He added that the Blue Plains Lot was for cars to be auctioned.

"Oh my God, did you auction off my car?" Brown cries. The supervisor said that should not have happened but recommended that she call the police and report the vehicle stolen.

At last a solution

Upon hearing the story, the first person she spoke to at Metropolitan Police insisted Brown's Escort had to be on Brentwood. Brown said it wasn't and asked to speak to an officer. She was transferred to dispatcher No. 233, Patricia Staton.

"I knew that I didn't have any outstanding tickets"

When she told the story again, Brown recalls Staton saying, "Oh honey, your car isn't stolen it's lost." She instructed Brown to go to Brentwood the next morning and call the police from there to fill out a report.

Dispatcher Staton said in an interview that she was unable to speak about the incident. Connie Brown, the civilian supervisor in the MPD communications division, confirmed that Brown's car had

been impounded on March 17.

Brown arrived at the lot 10:30 a.m. the next day and asked Dorsey to call the police. He told her that would not be necessary because they had found her car.

"Where was it?" Brown demanded. He showed her.

"It was sitting as plain as day in the middle of the row," she says. Brown says she found this unusual because he told her the day before that he personally walked up and down each row looking for it.

Dorsey told Brown she could take her car home "free of charge." Brown got in her car and noticed the gas tank was nearly empty. She says she knows the needle was near full when she left it.

"Like someone was joy riding around in my car like in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*," Brown says.

Brown complains about the lack of communication between the government departments she dealt with. She sent the check for the original parking ticket payment to the D.C. Treasury, but she had to go to the adjudication department to speak with someone in person about the tickets. She adds she received the canceled check to the Treasury from the bank. It was dated March 1.

Brown says whenever she felt someone was being rude, she would ask for the person's name. "And they would put me on hold," she exclaims.

Dorsey also said he was unable to speak about the incident. He referred all questions to his supervisor, who was unavailable for comment.



Brown tries to make sense of the parking rules in the District to avoid getting another ticket.



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The Business Association of Latin American Studies, an organization comprised of business and economic faculties from universities in the United States and Latin America, will hold a conference to discuss economic integration in Latin America in the 21st century at the Marvin Center April 6 to April 8.

Speakers will include authors and politicians from the United States, Latin America and Spain. Notable speakers from South America include former ministers of economics from Brazil and Ciro Gomez and Rudolf Holmes from Colombia.

The World Bank, InterAmerican Development Bank, U.S. Department of Commerce and State Department officials will address the role of economic integration in the Americas, including trade and investment prospects in Mersocur, product management in Mersocur and the future of Cuba in the 21st century as well as the development of small business in Latin America.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Ambassador Richard Brow, senior coordinator of the Summit of the Americas. Other speakers will include GW assistant professor of international business Fernando Robles.

For more information about the conference call 994-5200.

-Monique L. Harding and Tracy Sisser



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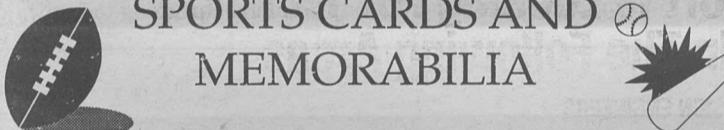
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NLC students file lawsuit against GW

(from p. 1)

March 22. Freidenthal, Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz, Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French and Student Association President Al Park, also a law student, were present as well.

The students said the meeting did not go well and that they were treated poorly by the administrators. Garvin said their motives were questioned, and they were intimidated and threatened.

Freidenthal, in turn, said the three students expected Trachtenberg to "put the money on the table" and did not prepare to compromise. Garvin, Lennon and Pare decided to go ahead with their plans to file the law suit.

"It's very sad that it had come to this," NLC professor Charles Craver said. "If the whole process had been functioning rationally, it would have been resolved already."

Craver added he did not think Trachtenberg is concerned about the financial needs of the law school. He said the University absolutely refuses to listen to the needs of the law school.

While the NLC was ranked 22nd overall among the nation's law schools by US News & World Report, the school's facilities were rated only 61st.

Both Garvin and Carver said

that for the tuition law students pay, the resources should be better. Garvin said the incoming class grows larger every year and the classrooms, library and hallways are too crowded.

"In terms of keeping our University topnotch, we're more than willing to pay our share," Pare said.

The ABA issued a report in March of 1994 that contained findings critical of the University. While the report was not meant for public release, it was circulated among many law school students and staff.

Freidenthal said the University has been negotiating with the ABA to sort out differences. The law students contend that they have been left out of the process.

Trachtenberg said in February the ABA's report was an internal document that should not have been shared with the students. He said it was "not in the spirit of the relationship between GW and the ABA" to share the details of their negotiations with students before conclusions were made.

Lennon said the law school was not complying with standards for accreditation, and that the student-run clinics that provide free legal advice to the poor of the community are constantly in danger of closure. "If we win (the lawsuit), our problems are going to go away,"

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CRIME LOG

The following crimes were reported to University Police between March 9 and March 28:

Thefts

- 1126 25th St. N.W., March 13. A GW student reported the theft of his \$400 bicycle.
- 2000 Penn Ave. N.W., March 20. A GW student reported the theft of his wallet containing \$20 and ID.
- 2101 F St. N.W., March 16. A GW employee reported the theft of \$10 from her purse.
- Adams Hall, March 10. A resident reported the theft of \$370 and a box of checks from his room. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Burns Law Library, March 9. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet – containing \$80 and credit cards – from the second floor of the building.
- Building TT, March 20. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$2,000 laser printer. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Everglades Hall, March 9. A GW student reported the theft of his \$120 bicycle from the building.
- Everglades Hall, March 13. A resident assistant reported the theft of a microwave oven from the basement.
- Funger Hall, March 20. A GW student reported the theft of his wallet – containing \$90, credit cards and ID – from the lobby.
- Gelman Library, March 15. A GW student reported the theft of his \$1,600 laptop computer from the fifth floor of the building.
- Gelman Library, March 17. A GW student reported the theft of her \$250 briefcase from the third floor of the building.
- Gelman Library, March 27. A GW employee reported the theft of her purse – containing credit cards and ID – from the sixth-floor restroom.
- Marvin Center, March 9. A GW employee reported the theft of an airline ticket from the ground floor.
- Marvin Center, March 18. A GW student reported the theft of her \$100 jacket from the third floor of the building.
- Monroe Hall, March 22. A GW employee reported the theft of her \$65 sunglasses from her desk on the fourth floor of the building.
- Rice Hall, March 16. A GW employee reported the theft of \$10 from her desk on the seventh floor.
- Rice Hall, March 23. A GW employee reported the theft of her purse – containing credit cards and ID – from the fifth floor of the building.
- Smith Center, March 9. A GW student reported the theft of his wallet – containing \$1 and credit cards – from a locker.
- Smith Center, March 9. A GW student reported the theft of his wallet – containing \$10, ID and credit cards – from a locker.
- Woodhull House, March 12. A UPD officer discovered that the door in the basement storage room had been forced open. Nothing was discovered missing.

Harassment

- Adams Hall, March 9. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown person.
- Madison Hall, March 27. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
- Milton Hall, March 10. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown person.
- Riverside Towers Hall, March 9. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown person.
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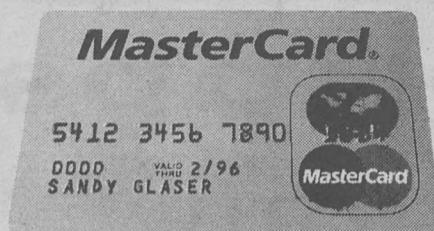
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Kalb panel probes foreign coverage

BY JIM GERAGHTY
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Associated Press diplomatic correspondent Barry Schweid harshly criticized the media's coverage of international events at the National Press Club Tuesday evening.

"The problem with the media's foreign affairs coverage is that they try to cover everything in terms of personalities and treat diplomacy like a baseball game," Schweid said.

Schweid was one of the guests at the taping of the seventh edition of the Marvin Kalb Report on Public Policy and the Press. Schweid was joined on the program by Deborah Amos, ABC news and "Turning Point" correspondent; Ken Bacon, chief Pentagon spokesman; Ralph Begleiter, CNN world affairs correspondent; John McWethy, ABC News chief national security correspondent; and former

U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz, GW visiting professor of international affairs.

Kalb started the discussion by asking each of the panelists to grade the media's coverage of foreign affairs. Although no one gave a grade lower than "C-minus," almost all of the panelists agreed there was room for improvement.

Amos gave the media a "C-plus." "I think we're seeing more O.J. and less NATO, because it's less fun and doesn't get as many viewers," she said.

Schweid actually gave the media the highest marks, of an "A" or "A-minus." He said that he felt that foreign affairs reporting was undergoing a massive change in its process with the end of the cold war and that his grade reflected that turn-around.

"I'm also an easy grader," he joked. He also remarked that during his many years of experience that coverage of the secretary of

state was decreasing.

"The problem isn't that the information isn't out there; the problem is that a lot of people are choosing not to receive the information. I think that's an education problem," Begleiter said.

Toward the end of the discussion, the debate focused on why the American people seemed to have less interest in foreign affairs. McWethy cited the Clinton Administration as an influence.

"In the beginning of his term, Clinton announced he was going to focus on domestic affairs ... He's just not a cheerleader for foreign affairs," McWethy said.

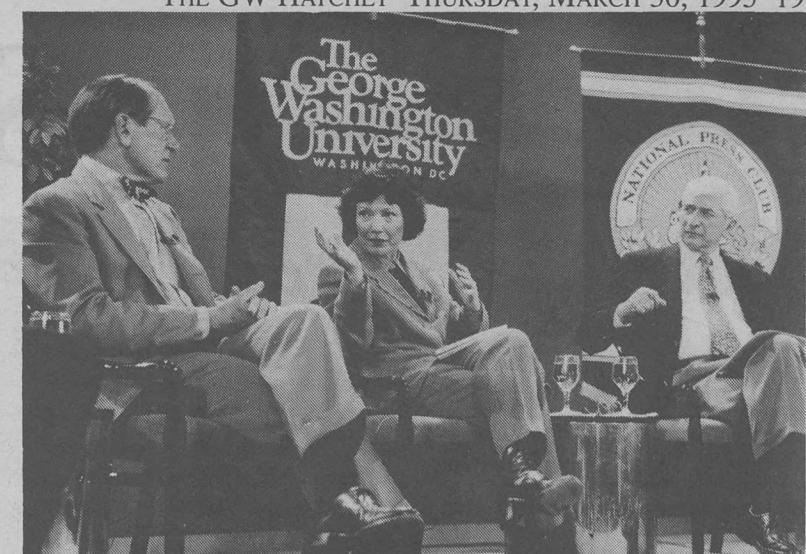


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ABC Correspondent Deborah Amos (center) makes a point to Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon (left) and GW visiting professor Marvin Kalb during Tuesday night's taping at the National Press Club.

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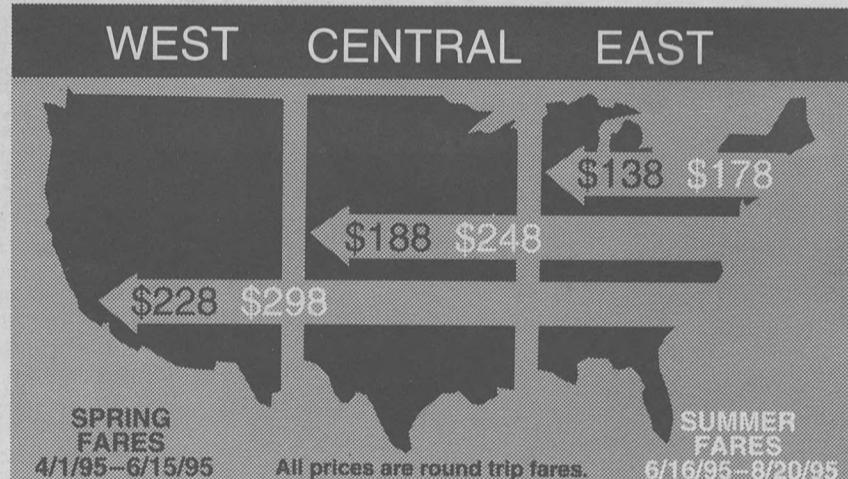
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— SPORTS —

Colonial Women make gallant run to Sweet 16 GW battles top-seeded CU in NCAA Midwest Regional

Four seniors wrap up careers in Des Moines

BY KYNAN KELLY
SPORTS EDITOR

DES MOINES — On a night when women's basketball's major powers Louisiana Tech and Vanderbilt were upset and defending national champion North Carolina was picked off by 10 points, GW proved it belonged among the top 16 teams in America.

Although Colorado blew by GW in the first few minutes of the Midwest Regional semifinal to open up a 14-2 lead, the Colonial Women were not cowed, as they fought back to get within 16-12.

GW then hung around with Colorado far better than any team had done to that point in the NCAA Tournament — and stayed even closer than many of the teams the Buffaloes trampled in their 25-game winning streak (CU beat Southwest Missouri State 83-49 in the opening round, for example). But GW finally bowed out of the Sweet 16, losing 77-61.

Of course, Georgia managed to do what GW could not by surprising the No. 1 seed Buffaloes 82-79 March 25.

Martha Williams, a premier center in her tenure at GW, more than fulfilled that role as she banged against senior Isabelle Fijalkowski, another highly-touted 6-5 center.

"I think anybody should be happy to be in the Sweet 16," Williams said. "When you play against strong players you tend to step up."

In the final game of her collegiate career, Williams stood tall with seven blocks, a Midwest

Regional record. As a team, GW swatted 11 balls, also a regional record. On offense, Williams benefited from GW's insistence on attacking Colorado's strong inside defense rather than shying away from it.

Williams worked hard inside for open shots and showed the tenacity head coach Joe McKeown said kept the Colonial Women in the game.

"We played hard but not well," McKeown said, after crediting seniors Williams, Darlene Saar, Cathy Neville and Debbie Hemery for their illustrious careers at GW.

"You can't get down to a team like Colorado," said Saar, who had three steals but was frustrated with only 10 points, five below her average. "We tried to pressure them, but everything we tried to do wasn't working."

Myriah Lonergan was one Colonial Woman who stepped up during the tournament and never quit in the Sweet 16 loss. Lonergan emerged as the queen of GW's comeback in the second round, 96-93 overtime miracle victory against Drake University. Once again, she keyed the team's ignition as GW made a late run to close the score to 73-61 with three minutes left — just about the time that GW began its comeback against Drake.

However, every time GW drew within striking distance of CU and the 50 or so GW fans who made the long journey started thinking of an upset, cold shooting doomed the chances of derailing the No. 1 seed.

"We helped them by missing some easy shots ... maybe that was due to their defense," McKeown said.



The Buffaloes took advantage of these streaky shooting stretches to light it up from outside. CU guard Amy Palmer drained three of seven three-pointers to propel Colorado.

"It wasn't as easy as the score indicated," CU guard Shelley Sheetz said. "We saw what they did to Drake. We had to work tonight and play a full 40 minutes."

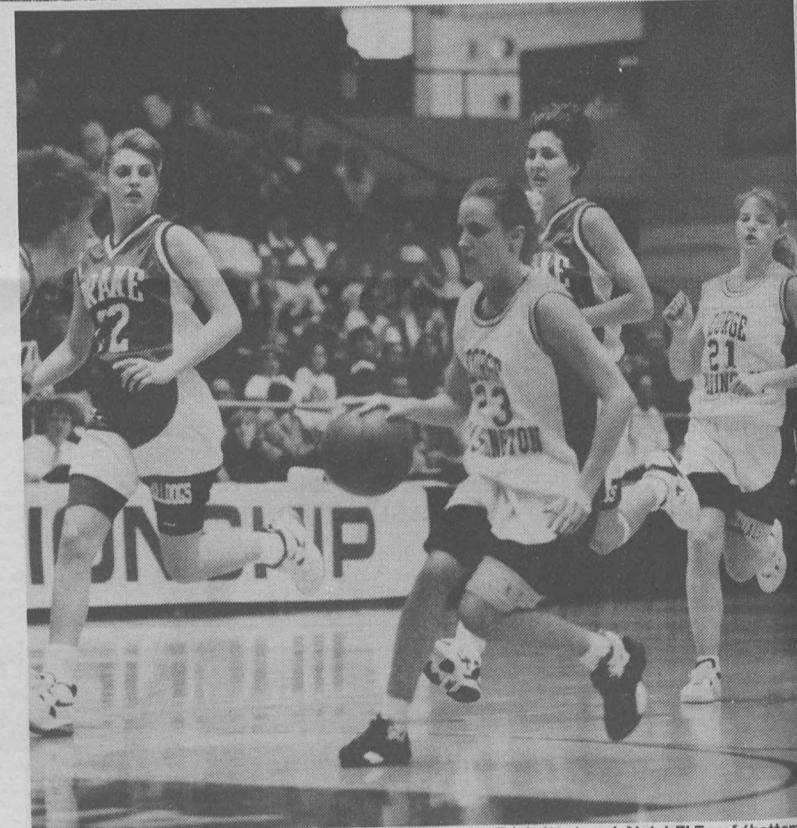
In the closing six minutes, Lonergan drilled a three-pointer, slapped two CU perimeter shots into the stands, snared a steal and generally generated the intensity that seemed to be lacking for the Colonial Women at other times in the loss.

The Buffaloes, on the other hand, embodied intensity and emotion. Their pregame approach from the locker-room to the court sounded like the CU football team's, without a buffalo and six wranglers leading the way.

One CU player shouted, "Are you fired up?" as the team jogged single file out of the tunnel and the rest of the team answered in unison, "We are fired up!"

The frenzied CU players had a similarly hyped pro-Colorado crowd to meet them — and an equally vocal anti-GW mob. While many black and yellow-clad fans in the crowd of 5,239 made the more than 12-hour drive to Des Moines to cheer on the Buffaloes, some other fans in attendance seemed bent on seeing GW humiliated for its last-minute heroics against Drake.

They began to voice their antagonism toward GW even before the game. Scattered "boos" greeted the Colonial Women as they took the floor.



Darlene Saar and Debbie Hemery, the most prolific scorers in school history, wrapped up their illustrious careers as one-two on GW's all time scoring list.

Many of the Drake coaches and players sat in the stands to watch the game they had been planning on playing in since the regional site was announced several years ago.

Until GW's monumental resurgence stole the second-round game from the Bulldogs in the final three minutes, it looked like they would be playing in the Sweet 16 as well as hosting it.

When Drake guard Julie Rittgers was asked after the shocking loss at the Smith Center if she would go to the regional game in the newly-constructed Knapp Center on the Drake campus, she simply shook her head and with a tear in her eye said, "Well, I was going to."



Martha Williams and George think about the Sweet 16 after GW's stunning comeback victory over Drake.

Colorado 77, GW 61 Midwest Regional Semifinal						
GW	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Saar	36	5-16	0-0	3-9	3	10
Sawyers	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0
Abraham	27	4-12	1-4	0-1	3	9
McCreas	31	1-1	2-2	2-4	3	4
Hemery	37	6-22	2-2	3-9	3	15
Cermignano	15	2-3	0-0	0-1	2	6
Williams	25	5-9	0-1	2-5	3	10
Lonergan	21	2-3	2-2	0-1	4	7
Atcher	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Neville	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0
TOTALS	200	25-67	7-11	10-33	22	61
Colorado	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Palmer	26	4-8	2-2	0-5	2	13
Thomas	34	3-10	1-4	4-8	2	7
Fijalkowski	30	7-14	3-4	7-13	4	17
Sheetz	37	3-8	8-8	0-1	2	15
Graham	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Weathers	15	3-5	0-0	2-4	0	6
Scholz	33	3-12	2-4	5-9	3	8
Scott	17	2-7	4-5	3-10	0	10
TOTALS	200	26-65	21-29	24-56	13	77

GW 96, Drake 93 (OT)						
GW	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Saar	41	10-15	6-8	3-10	3	26
Abraham	39	11-16	3-5	1-2	4	25
McCreas	27	1-2	2-4	0-6	5	4
Hemery	34	5-17	3-5	0-2	5	13
Cermignano	16	1-4	0-0	1-3	2	3
Williams	28	6-9	0-1	4-5	3	12
Lonergan	21	5-8	1-3	3-5	4	11
Atcher	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Neville	19	1-3	0-1	3-5	4	2
TOTALS	225	29-62	27-37	15-41	27	93
Drake	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Cox	2	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	2
McBean	6	0-1	2-2	0-0	1	2
Brinkmeyer	41	5-14	6-8	4-7	2	16
Rittgers	42	9-16	5-6	2-5	4	29
Miller	21	4-7	3-5	0-4	4	12
Peyton	22	2-2	0-0	0-1	3	5
Kinne	26	5-13	1-3	3-6	5	11
Hennigan	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0
Wakely	40	4-7	6-9	3-12	3	14
Lange	17	0-2	2-2	2-5	4	2
TOTALS	225	29-62	27-37	15-41	27	93
DePaul	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Bullock	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0
Caratu	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Francke	14	0-3	0-0	1-2	0	2
Udoka	20	1-4	0-0	1-4	3	2
Schueler	18	1-5	0-0	1-1	2	3
Stone	25	2-8	0-0	1-2	4	5
Booker	26	4-8	0-0	3-6	2	10
Blacharczyk	26	1-2	0-2	0-0	0	2
Ahaleem	35	8-17	1-2	2-4	3	22
Clark	6	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0
Years	28	13-22	7-9	7-11	2	35
TOTALS	200	30-71	9-15	23-45	20	79

GW 87, DePaul 79						
GW	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Saar	40	13-19	8-9	5-11	2	34
Abraham	31	8-11	3-4	2-10	4	19
McCreas	37	2-3	2-2	0-1	3	6
Hemery	38	7-20	0-1	0-4	0	15
Cermignano	17	1-4	0-1	1-2	1	3
Williams	14	2-5	0-0	1-3	4	4
Lonergan	23	1-2	4-6	0-0	3	6
Atcher	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Neville	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	200	34-64	17-23	12-36	17	87
DePaul	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Bullock	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0
Caratu	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Francke	14	0-3	0-0	1-2	0	2
Udoka	20	1-4	0-0	1-4	3	2
Schueler	18	1-5	0-0	1-1	2	3
Stone						

SPORTS

GW fights back from brink of elimination

Team overcomes 17 points in 5 minutes

BY KYNAN KELLY
SPORTS EDITOR

The GW women's basketball team was riding a nine-game win streak into its fourth second round appearance in its fourth trip to the NCAA Tournament. So the Colonial Women knew they were down but not out when they trailed Drake University 78-61 with five minutes left.

After looking completely frustrated for 35 minutes, the Colonial Women began to turn things around, and 10 minutes later they had completed the greatest comeback victory in school history, 96-93 in overtime.

The 35-15 turnaround began after GW forced the Bulldogs into a 30-second shot clock violation. Debbie Hemery and Tajama Abraham hit jumpers with four

minutes left to cut the score to 78-65 with 4:09 left.

GW's full court press took over and seemed to rattle the Bulldogs, who had looked content to let the clock run out and escape with the upset. Myriah Lonergan drew an offensive foul on Kiersten Miller in the backcourt, and GW finally reached the bonus with 3:13 left. Drake had been in the bonus since 11:33.

Drake forward Lisa Brinkmeyer sank two free throws, but the Bulldogs failed to score for two and half minutes as Abraham and Darlene Saar combined for nine unanswered points.

After Saar completed a three-point play on a layup and a successful free throw, Lonergan drove the lane and dumped the ball to Saar, who put it in and drew another foul.

In less than two minutes,



photo by Abdul El-Tayef

The Colonial Women celebrate their overtime thriller against Drake March 19 at the Smith Center. The win marked GW's first in the NCAA second round and catapulted the team into the Sweet 16.

Drake's seemingly insurmountable lead had dwindled to 80-74. GW took its last timeout with the crowd of 1,152 going wild.

"We never gave up," head coach Joe McKeown said. "The home court and the crowd really got us excited in the last five minutes. We needed it, especially with (Drake guard Julie) Rittgers throwing them up from halfcourt."

McKeown also attributed the win to GW's swarming full court press, and compared his strategy in the final, frenzied minutes to that of former Washington Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs.

"Sometimes you do things out of panic which end up making you look like a genius," McKeown said, paraphrasing Gibbs. "With five minutes to go and down 17, I went with a small lineup and threw in the press ... I was gambling."

Saar scored after picking up a loose ball in the lane from an inbound pass. Brinkmeyer finally broke Drake's scoring drought with two more free throws. Then it was Abraham's turn to convert a three-point play on a layup and a foul.

The momentum was squarely on GW's side. Hemery scooped up a steal off the floor and fed it to Lonergan, who pulled up in the lane and just seemed to hang there before drilling the jumper to bring

GW within one.

Drake desperately called its last timeout, but Lonergan stole the inbounds pass and laid it in to give GW an 83-82 lead, its first since it led 13-12 early in the first half.

Drake's inbound pass went long downcourt, and Lonergan hit the floor to cause a jumpball with Bulldog Missy Lange, giving GW possession.

Hemery was fouled going for a loose ball and went to the line with three seconds left and the chance to put the Colonial Women up by three.

However, Hemery, who shot 71 percent from the line for the season, only made the first and then was called for a foul going for the long rebound with Miller. It was her fifth foul and she went to the bench, leaving it up to her teammates to make sure it was not the last game of her career.

With .8 seconds left on the clock and her team down 84-82, Miller went to the line. Also a 71 percent foul shooter, the freshman nailed both to send the game into overtime.

Abraham got GW off on the right foot in overtime, picking up a loose ball, scoring a layup and drawing the foul. She missed the free throw, but Martha Williams

was right there to put it back in.

GW held a four-point lead twice in the extra five minutes, but a Rittgers three-pointer and two Lange free throws wrested the lead back to Drake, 93-92, with 1:30 left. However, the Bulldogs did not score again.

Lonergan rebounded a Cathy Neville airball from three-point land and put it in off the glass to regain the advantage. However, Rittgers could not do anything with it at the other end and turned it over out of bounds, forcing Drake to take its only timeout.

Lonergan broke free on the inbound at halfcourt and was fouled from behind on her way to the basket. She could only hit the second foul shot, but Saar was fouled grabbing a rebound on the other end and hit one of two to seal the thriller for GW.

"It's hard to explain," Lonergan said. "You could just see it in everybody's face - we were going to win."

While Saar called it the most exciting game she had ever played and Hemery characterized it as nerve-racking, Abraham said she knew they would pull through after she set up GW's four-point play to begin overtime.

"I just saw the ball on the floor and put it up. From that point on, I just felt 'uh-huh, it's us.'



photo by Tyson Trish

Myriah Lonergan threads her way through the lane against DePaul. Her driving layups helped engineer GW comeback runs throughout the NCAA Tournament.

SPORTS BRIEFS

GW prep for Crew Classic

GW crew will host the largest collegiate rowing competition in the Washington metropolitan area April 8. The eighth annual GW Invitational Crew Classic will be on the Potomac River race course and will feature teams from 10 universities.

Preliminary heats begin at 8 a.m., and the finals are scheduled to begin at 1:20 p.m. The course runs from the Spout Run area of the Potomac to the finish line near Washington Harbor in Georgetown.

Last year, the U.S. Naval Academy won the team title over Georgetown University. It was the Midshipmen's fourth consecutive team title.

This year's lineup returns both schools, as well as Cincinnati, Delaware, George Mason, Michigan, St. Joseph's, Temple and Virginia universities. Seven high schools also will enter the competition.

Both men and women rowers will compete in the varsity eights, junior varsity eights, freshman eights, second freshman eights, lightweight eights and fours categories.

An award ceremony will be at 5 p.m. at Washington Harbor. The winning team will receive the Gilbert J. Hood Jr. Point Trophy.

UCLA wins in Final Four

A local computer programming company thinks so, anyway. Bethesda Softworks has been predicting this year's NCAA Tournament action with a new computer game. The Maryland-based company accurately predicted three of the four teams heading to Seattle to compete for the national championship.

"NCAA Road to the Final Four 2" simulates basketball games on an IBM computer. The company has been predicting results of all games since the Sweet 16. The success included picking Oklahoma St. University's upset of top-seeded Wake Forest University.

The software's only Final Four error was its prediction that the University of Kentucky would beat the University of North Carolina. The company did connect on three of the four other regional finals.

Bethesda Softworks has UCLA winning this year's national championship. The Bruins are predicted to edge Oklahoma St. 98-91 in one national semifinal. UNC will beat the defending national champion University of Arkansas 87-83 in the other final, the program said.

In the national championship game, played on the computer 20 times, UCLA edged the Tar Heels by an average score of 88.7 to 86.9.

-Jared Sher

Highly-touted Seco Camara may join GW basketball

The GW men's basketball team may be getting some good news for a change.

Seco Camara, a 6-4, 205-pound swingman, has given the Colonials an unofficial commitment to come to GW next year, according to a report in Wednesday's Washington Post.

The Post reported that Camara's high school coach said Camara chose GW over other schools that were recruiting him. Duke, South Carolina, Washington State and Georgia Tech universities had all sought the highly-touted Portuguese player.

Camara averaged 33 points and 12 rebounds this season for Thomas Sumter High School in Dalzell, S.C. He also shot 48 percent from three-point land but made just 55 percent of his free throws.

High school players cannot officially sign national letters of intent until next month, and coaches and officials are not allowed to comment on prospective recruits until then.

Camara's high school coach, Spencer Jordan, told The Post that the star player chose GW because of its "international flavor." The Portuguese native would join Alexander Koul, Andrei Sviridov and Jason "J.J." Brade as international Colonials.

Brade will also join GW as a freshman next season. The 6-4 forward from Quebec signed an early letter of intent last fall.

-Jared Sher

SPORTS

Gymnasts capture ticket to NCAA with second place at A-10 meet

Colonial Women set to make fifth straight trip to tourney

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

All season long, the GW women's gymnastics team has improved on its record, posting new season-high scores. Now it has closed out the regular season with a score of 190.675, the team's highest mark of the year.

Also keeping with the tone of the season, the stellar total was only good enough for second place at the Atlantic 10 conference championship meet Saturday.

West Virginia came into the meet as the three-time defending champion, with GW coming in second place in each meet. The Mountaineers earned the four-peat by lighting up the scoreboard with an amazing score of 195.5, blowing away the rest of the field.

Third place went to Massachusetts, which finished the meet with 189.7 points. Temple, the meet's host, came away with fourth place after scoring 188.5 points. Rhode Island and Rutgers finished in fifth and sixth, with scores of 187.725 and 185.925, respectively.

GW's final placing in the meet was not as important as its high score, which shored up the Colonial Women's fifth straight bid to the NCAA Southeast Regional competition. GW clinched the region's seventh seed, which makes it the last team to qualify for the meet.

"We're now one of the 35 best teams in the country," head coach Margie Cunningham said. "There are five regions; and seven teams in each region go to regional competition. So that puts us in the top 35."

West Virginia dominated the meet. The Mountaineers won all four events as a team, and individual Mountaineers won all four of the events as well. The Mountaineers snared 14 of the top 24 positions on individual events.

Kristen Quackenbush shared most outstanding gymnast honors with West Virginia teammate Karla Hairston, but the all-around title was Quackenbush's alone. Her score of 39.4 set a new meet record, something she had already done on the balance beam. Her score of 9.9 was the best in the meet — and the meet's history.

Quackenbush also won the floor exercise after posting a 9.85, to go along with her third place, 9.8-point performance on the uneven bars. She had a 9.85 on

the vault, tying for sixth place.

Hairston nearly equaled her teammate's day, tallying 39.375 points in the all-around competition to earn second place. Her vault score of 9.975 broke the meet record and won her the event.

Hairston won the bars with a score of 9.875, another meet record. She also posted impressive results in the other two events, earning a tie for second with a 9.8 on the beam, as well as a tie for fourth on the floor exercise with a 9.725.

West Virginia's Umme Salim won most outstanding rookie gymnast honors, and for good reason. Although she did not win any single event, her all-around score of 39.1 was good for third place overall. A 9.8 on the beam earned Salim second place on the event, while her performance on the bars earned a 9.75 and fourth place. Her score of 9.75 on the floor exercise was good enough for a tie for second.

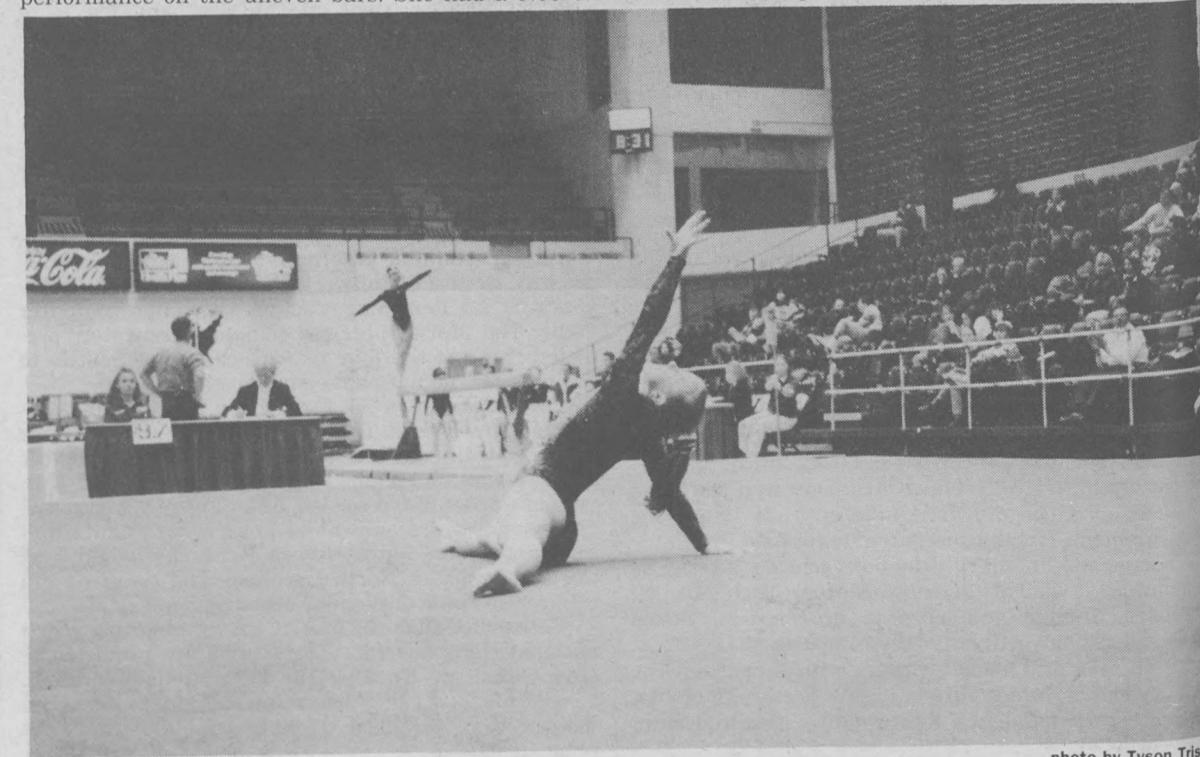
On the individual achievement scene for GW, Alexis Hrynk continued to be the story of the year for the Colonial Women. In what Cunningham described as "just a beautiful vault," Hrynk tied her own school record and posted a 9.9.

Fitting her team's trend, however, her score was good only for a third place tie, finishing behind West Virginia's Hairston as well as UMass' Lianne Lang, who scored a 9.95. Hrynk also put together an impressive performance on the floor exercise to earn a score of 9.75, earning her a tie for second on the event.

Mirroring her teammate's performance on the floor, Tricia Gissendanner posted a 9.725 for a share of fourth place on the event. Kristie Gackenheimer also put in an impressive performance on the uneven bars, posting GW's season-best score of 9.7. The score earned her fifth place in the event.

The five-year streak is the longest in school history. In its previous four appearances in the regional, GW has never placed higher than fourth. The winners of each region receive automatic bids to the national championship meet. The next seven teams also receive wild card bids.

The regional competition is set for 6 p.m. April 8 at Towson State University. The University of Georgia, the front-runner for the national championship, will be the meet's top seed.



Alexis Hrynk gracefully controls the floor exercise in a meet earlier this season. Hrynk has been sensational all season as a freshman for the Colonial Women.

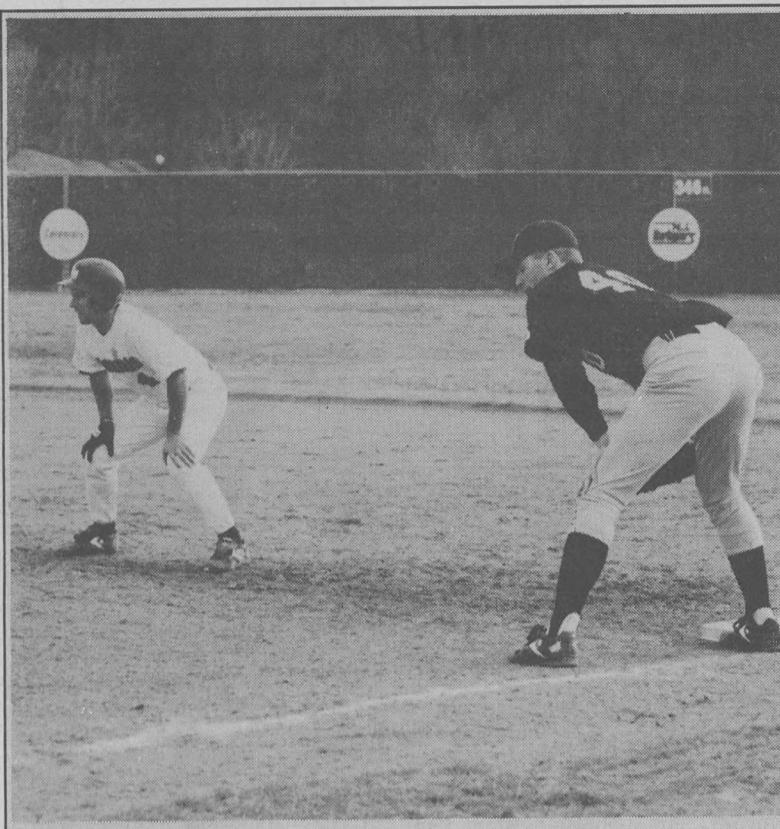


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Brian Giuliana edges away from first against Richmond earlier this year. The sophomore centerfielder nailed a two-run homer to keep GW close against UMBC.

Migita, Colonials falter after solid spring break

BY BEN OSBORNE
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

After a successful week of baseball during spring break, the GW baseball team slipped with two straight road losses this weekend to fall to 9-14-1 on the season.

The Colonials fell to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County 6-5 Wednesday in perhaps their most frustrating loss of the season. GW was up 5-0 after three complete innings, largely on the strength of a two-run homerun by sophomore centerfielder Brian Giuliana that came in the top of the third. But any excitement was short-lived.

After scoring one run in the fourth and two in the fifth, the Terriers completed their comeback in the bottom of the seventh with three runs to provide the final margin of victory. Freshman reliever David Kloes took the loss after allowing the decisive runs. The loss left GW head coach Jay Murphy upset, but not with Kloes.

"The way to look at today's game is that we did not get the job done, and we have no excuses," Murphy said. "We had a perfect double-play ball during UMBC's rally when Cassedy Smith threw the ball away, and then there was a fly ball to right that has to be caught and wasn't, so we just gave the game away."

Tuesday night's loss came at the hands of Virginia Commonwealth University, 3-2. The score was tied at two after nine full innings, but VCU got a game-winning base hit off GW reliever Robert Felty in the bottom of the 10th.

Felty had relieved Scott Linder, who put forth a great performance through the first six innings, allowing just two runs while striking out 11. GW managed only three hits on the night, and both runs the team scored were unearned.

One aspect of the Colonials' attack noticeably absent in this week's two losses was a standout offensive performance from senior star Lance Migita, who was ill during the VCU game and sat out the UMBC game altogether.

He put in a phenomenal week over spring break, though, when he led the Colonials to a record of 6-2-1 from March 16 until March 26. Migita batted .684 for the week of March 20, smacking three home runs in the process and earning Mizuno national player of the week honors.

GW's highlight for the 10-game stretch was a weekend sweep of Atlantic 10 conference rival West Virginia. GW won Sunday's game 13-11 as freshman reliever Chris Aronson improved to 3-0 on the year.

In Saturday's doubleheader, Migita went 6-6 while scoring and driving in seven runs. GW crushed the Mountaineers 16-2 in the night-cap, behind Migita's offense and a nice performance by freshman Matt Williams. Saturday's first game yielded a 12-6 win for the Colonials, with starter Ryan Clark taking the win.

"I'm really proud of the way the guys performed over the weekend. That was the first time we'd ever swept them," Murphy said.

Prior to West Virginia, GW had a 7-7 tie with Towson State after the game was called on account of darkness, and a 16-5 romp over then-No. 25 James Madison.

The Colonials took on the University of Massachusetts in a three-game series over the first weekend of break, winning 9-6 in the finale after 7-5 and 6-2 losses. GW topped Mount Saint Mary's 7-3 March 16 to start the stretch on a positive note.

SPORTS

Ruggers transform RFK for day of St. Patrick's celebration

BY KYNAN KELLY
SPORTS EDITOR

About 500 St. Patrick's Day revelers congregated at RFK Stadium March 17 to soak in the glorious sun, some Murphy's Irish Stout and a thrilling league rugby



Rob Rimmers (#8) of the Irish rugby side is mobbed by Americans. Rimmers and his mates came from behind to win 24-22.

photo by Tyson Trish

match.

Both sides looked tight at the beginning and the usually continuous action was unnaturally stopped periodically to accommodate ESPN 2. However, once the sides picked up steam and the spectators got some ale under their

belts, America was formally introduced to the power and fury of rugby.

"We're staying in the same hotel as (the American side), so we knew they were big lads. However, we also thought they would get tired, when in fact they were quite fucking resilient," Rob Rimmers said, not mincing words. "There was a lot of spirit here today. They only had 1,000 people, but they made the sound of 50,000."

Ireland grabbed the early lead on a penalty kick, giving the boys from the Emerald Isle a 2-0 lead. Once the American Patriots' passing became quicker and more opportune, Duke Ieriko scored a try and David Niu kicked the touch from a difficult angle - 10 yards behind the spot where Ieriko crossed the goal line - to put the Americans out in front, 6-2.

Buoyed by the score, the Patriots began threatening the Irish pride by penetrating the green lines of defense. Ireland countered immediately as Gary Grainen performed a crisp fake kick to the right and then scampered left. Ireland led 8-6.

The advantage switched sides accordingly the rest of the match, as particularly vicious tackles and beautiful breakaway runs drew cheers from the boisterous crowd.

But the action on the pitch was



photo by Tyson Trish

Loren Broussard (#2) and his American Patriot teammates converge on a tackle near the American goal line St. Patrick's Day at RFK.

not the sole source of entertainment. Several fans in the front row got especially caught up in the carefree mood of the day. One man wore his girlfriend's brassiere, while the woman challenged the

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